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	Vy Q. Bui	3731

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 May 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-6 and 18-60 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-6 and 22-54 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 18-21 and 55-60 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) 1-6 and 22-54 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/29/02; 5/27/03; 6/26/03; 7/9/03; 5/11/04 & 5/13/04; 6/24/04. 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 & Other: _____.
 & 2/24/04.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of invention shown in Fig. 3 (Species 1) in the reply filed on 5/25/2004 is acknowledged. The traversal is mainly on the ground(s) that undue diverse searching should not be required because all the claims are in the same class. However, the claims in the present application are directed to different Species of a stent, each species has feature(s) distinct and different from another and each species therefore requires separate and careful examination and if a generic claim is allowed, other Species covered by the generic claim will also allowed.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 59 recites the limitation "said first and said second ends" in lines 6-7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 18-21 and 55-60 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Jayaraman (6,162,245).

Jayaraman-'245 (Fig. 30) below shows a stent as recited in the claims:

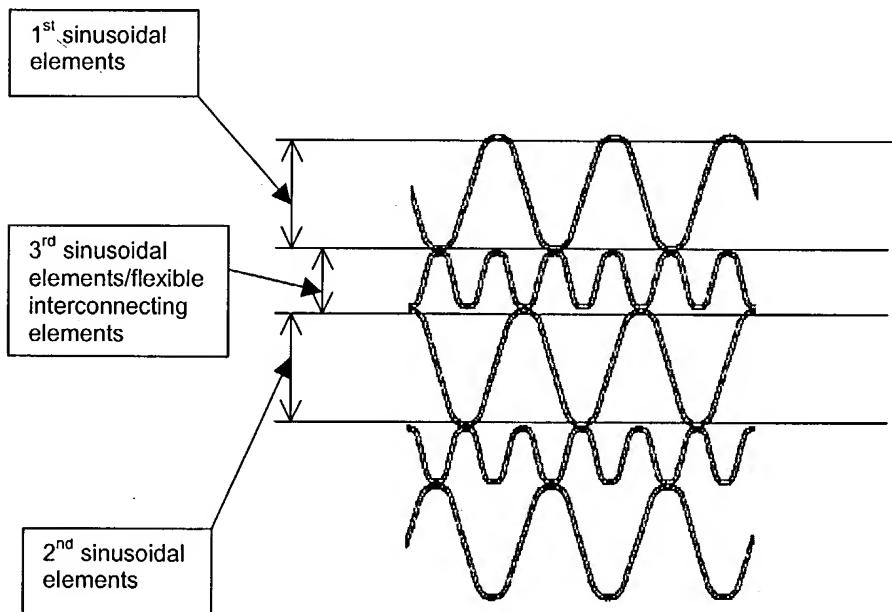


Fig. 30

Notice that the first and the second sinusoidal elements are substantially 180 degrees out of phase, especially when the stent is in a collapsed configuration for deployment in a tortuous blood vessel and sinusoidal elements have different amplitudes.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vy Q. Bui whose telephone number is 703-306-3420. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, McDermott or Shaver can be reached on 703-308-0858. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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